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Sol-Iletsk in the Volga Military District, USSR (S)**

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IN THE VOLGA MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)**

1. (S/D) Detailed analysis of the Sol-Iletsk Ordnance Depot [] in the USSR revealed that it is a reserve signal depot rather than an ordnance depot as designated.

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2. (S/D) [] approximately 540 vehicles parked in open storage (mostly radio communications vans) were identified at Sol-Iletsk Ordnance Depot in the Volga Military District (Figure 1). A potentially greater storage capacity exists at this installation with the presence of 23 double-depth vehicle storage buildings. Ten of these buildings have a capacity to house an approximate total of 430 vehicles. The remaining 13 buildings appear to be drive through with four entrance/exit bays at either end. If longitudinal parking were adopted, then each of the 13 drive-through buildings could house an estimated 36 vehicles or a total of 468 vehicles.

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3. (S/D) Equipment identified in open storage [] included the following: three BTR-50 PU armored command vehicles (ACVs); 17 BTR-60 PU ACVs, eight R-406 MERCURY PLATE trailers; 39 probable R-400/404 radio relay sets; 48 R-405 sets; eight R-401 sets (GAZ-63 chassis); seven R-110 sets; 17 probable R-142, 25 R-125, and 55 R-118 BM-3 (radio sets); five KROSS-66 communications center vehicles; 79 GAZ-66 van trucks; eight P-284 M1 cable layers; eight cable plows; 14 BKGM-66-2 augers; and 50 other support vehicles. Also observed in open storage were numerous cable spools.

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4. (S/D) [] several other types of communications vehicles that were not seen []. They included R-410 TWIN PLATE, R-133 TWIN EAR, R-136, and R-102M.

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5. (S/D) A major reduction in the number of communications vehicles appears to have occurred at this depot since July 1979. [] only 298 vehicles were observed in open storage (Figure 2). However, the possibility that the reduction is due to vehicles being under roof cannot be ruled out.

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6. (S/D) The size of the installation, the small complement of barracks/administration facilities, the communications equipment present, and the lack of training facilities indicate that this installation serves as a reserve signal depot rather than as an ordnance depot.

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